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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arend et al. (US PUB. 2002/0102968 hereinafter, "Arend") in view of Yun (U.S PAT. 7,035,661).

Consider claim 1, Arend teaches a CDMA signal generator comprising: an additive white Gaussian noise generator for generating a first broad band noise in an RF receiving band (page 2 [0021] and [0023]).

Arend does not explicitly show that a first signal generator for generating a first conversion frequency signal; a first mixer for mixing the first broad band noise in the RF receiving band with the first conversion frequency signal to provide a second broad

band noise in an IF band, said IF band including a CDMA band and a remaining frequency band that is exclusive of the CDMA band; a SAW filter for attenuating a third broad band noise in the remaining frequency band within the IF band to a predetermined level to provide a substantially CDMA band noise; a second signal generator for generating a second conversion frequency signal; and a second mixer for mixing the substantially CDMA band noise from the SAW filter with the second conversion frequency signal from the second signal generator to provide an output.

In the same field of endeavor, Yun teaches a first signal generator for generating a first conversion frequency signal (fig. 1 col. 15 line 47 through col. 16 line 7); a first mixer (109) for mixing the first broad band noise in the RF receiving band with the first conversion frequency signal to provide a second broad band noise in an IF band, said IF band including a CDMA band and a remaining frequency band that is exclusive of the CDMA band (fig. 1 col. 15 line 47 through col. 16 line 7); a SAW filter (117) for attenuating a third broad band noise in the remaining frequency band within the IF band to a predetermined level to provide a substantially CDMA band noise (fig. 1 col. 15 line 47 through col. 16 line 7); a second signal generator (121) for generating a second conversion frequency signal (fig. 1 col. 15 line 47 through col. 16 line 7); and a second mixer (120) for mixing the substantially CDMA band noise from the SAW filter with the second conversion frequency signal from the second signal generator to provide an output (fig. 1 col. 15 line 47 through col. 16 line 7).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use, a first signal generator for generating a first

conversion frequency signal; a first mixer for mixing the first broad band noise in the RF receiving band with the first conversion frequency signal to provide a second broad band noise in an IF band, said IF band including a CDMA band and a remaining frequency band that is exclusive of the CDMA band; a SAW filter for attenuating a third broad band noise in the remaining frequency band within the IF band to a predetermined level to provide a substantially CDMA band noise; a second signal generator for generating a second conversion frequency signal; and a second mixer for mixing the substantially CDMA band noise from the SAW filter with the second conversion frequency signal from the second signal generator to provide an output, as taught by Yun, in order to provide an estimating received signal quality as expressed by the signal to interference and noise level for use in the power control method and for other applications.

Consider claim 2, Arend further teaches output is usable as a test input signal to an RF block unit (page 2 [0022]).

4. Claims 3-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arend in view of Yun as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of stone et al. (U.S. PUB. 2001/0036277 hereinafter, "stone").

Consider claim 3, Arend and Yun, in combination, fails to teaches a passband of said SAW filter is about 1.25 MHz.

However, stone teaches a passband of said SAW filter is about 1.25 MHz (page 3 [0055]).

Therefore, it is obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the disclosing of stone into view of Arend and Yun, in order to provide an audiometric apparatus and auditory screening method that employs true random sampling frequencies that substantially reduce or eliminate sampling artifacts.

Consider claim 4, stone further teaches a passband of said SAW filter is about 5 MHz (page 3 [0055]).

Conclusion

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Maung Nay A. can be reached on (571) 272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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